

REPRESENTATIVE MEEK HONORS
REV. DR. WALTER T. RICHARDSON

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, this weekend Rev. Walter T. Richardson, pastor of Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church in Perrine, FL, will simultaneously receive a Ph.D. degree in biblical counseling from Trinity Theological Seminary of Newburgh, IN, and celebrate his 12th year as a pastor. I would like to congratulate him on his two great achievements and thank him for the long years of service in the Miami area.

Reverend Richardson has served our community with great energy and success. He sits on the Board of Trustees of Miami Dade Community College and the Board of Directors of the New World School of the Arts. He is a member of the St. Thomas University Human Rights Institute and the Miami Coalition for a Drug Free Community. He has served as president of the West Perrine Christian Association, Co-Chair of the board of directors for We Will Rebuild, on the executive committee of the Miami NAACP, and numerous other positions. He has received awards too numerous to mention, but which include the 1993

NAACP Outstanding Service Award, the 1992 Orange Bowl Committee Hurricane Hero Award, the 1991 Thomas Dorsey Award of Excellence, and the 1985 Miami Herald Outstanding Black Achievers Award.

Guided by Reverend Richardson, Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church is a multicultural, racially integrated congregation consisting of African-Americans, whites, and Hispanics. Serving as pastor for the last 12 years, Reverend Richardson has been responsible for the growth of the church from a small congregation of 200 to the 1,200 worshippers who currently attend Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church.

Reverend Richardson's accomplishments in the academic field are as equally impressive. He graduated cum laude from St. Thomas University with a B.A. in religious studies. From St. Thomas, he also earned his master's degree in pastoral ministries. Prior to working toward a Ph.D., Reverend Richardson did graduate work in philosophy at the University of Miami and in theology at Gammon Theological Seminary.

Walter T. Richardson, Reverend, pastor, community servant, and now Doctor, has dedicated over 26 years to the Christian Ministry and to the community around him. He has helped people physically, mentally, and spiritually. He has dedicated his time, efforts, and his life to improving other's lives. I offer Rev-

erend Richardson my sincere congratulations for his accomplishments and my deepest thanks for his long years of dedicated service to our community.

BIRTH OF JENNA MARIE HURKES

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to bring to the attention of my colleagues the birth of a baby. Jenna Marie Hurkes was born to MaryAnn and Jerry at 10:57 a.m. on August 25, 1995, weighing 8 pounds and 1 ounce. On an occasion such as this, I join with the members of the Hurkes family in wishing Jenna Marie all the best for the promising future ahead of her.

I am sure that my colleagues join me in congratulating the proud parents, MaryAnn and Jerry, on this most joyous occasion. With their newborn baby, their lives together will no doubt continue to be an adventure. May this blessed addition to their lives bring them much happiness in the years to come.